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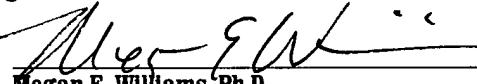
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2001 (Paper No. 4).

The Examiner has required restriction of the above-identified application to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I. Claims 1-4, 14 and 15, drawn to nucleic acids, a vector, and a neural cell line which express a heterologous Pablo polypeptide classified in class 536, subclass 23.1

Group II. Claims 5-11 and 21, drawn to proteins, chimeric proteins, and a method of identifying a compound using proteins, classified in class 530, subclass 350 and others.

Group III. Claim 13, drawn to antisense, classified in class 536, subclass 24.5

Group IV. Claim 16, drawn to a non-human transgenic animal, classified in class 800, subclass 13.

Group V. Claims 17 and 18, drawn to a method of modulating apoptosis, classified in various classes and subclasses.

Group VI. Claim 19, drawn to a method of treatment, classified in various classes and subclasses.

Group VII. Claim 20, drawn to a method of identifying a compound using cells, classified in class 435, subclass 325.

Applicants hereby elect the Group I invention (Claims 1-4, 14 and 15) for prosecution, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to traverse the restriction between the non-elected groups in this or a separate application.

SUMMARY

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,

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